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SMALL BUSINESS AWARD WINNERS – 2010 HOUSTON DISTRICT

HOUSTON -- “This year marks the 47th annual proclamation of National Small Business Week and the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced the winners for the Houston District,” stated Manuel Gonzalez, SBA Houston District Director. The Small Business award winners are as follows:

Small Business Person of the Year: Jennifer Lewis, J & P Technologies, Inc.

Financial Services Champion: Vince Calicchia

Minority Small Business Champion: Nawab Farooq Baloch, International Clinical Trial Network

Young Entrepreneur: Patrick Laport & Tim Verborgh, Aerospace Applications of North America, Inc.

Veteran Small Business Champion: John Vaughn, Vaughn Medical, LLC

Women In Business Champion: Kristen Cooley, BerriBlends

Small Business Exporter: Laura Isaza, Equipsa Enterprises Corporation

Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business: Fernando & Rosario Guzman & Felipe Guzman,

Prime Eco Group, Inc.

“We will be saluting the achievements of these winners at the Small Business Awards Luncheon June 1, 2010 at the Power Center, 12401 South Post Oak Road, Houston, TX 77045. We are honored to have Houston Mayor Annise Parker as the keynote speaker,” said Gonzalez.

The luncheon will be sponsored by Houston SCORE Chapter #37, a resource partner of the SBA and Counselors to America’s Small Businesses. For more information about the luncheon, contact SCORE at (713) 773-6500 or visit their website at www.scorehouston.org.

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